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agreements and will accept the persons labor but will not pay. Therefore, a provision in law ought to be provided so that the person who is rendered labor can recoup the wages promised and agreed upon but which have not been paid. I think that you can comprehend those three notions. That is what I feel is the basis of the bill. I think that we ought to raise it. I don't think that we can do anything less. I think that Senator Kelly is giving the Labor Committee far too much credit when he says that they spend hours on this bill. I believe that they spend more time on it this morning actually thinking about it than they spend the whole time it was before their committee. That committee is not favorable toward labor and its notorious in its decisions. I think that this is one of the worst decisions that they have made, and I think that the Legislature ought to over turn it and this bill ought to be raised.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to call attention to the Chair and let him make the proper ruling. If you look at your rule book, rule three, section eleven the rules of the legislature require the reporting of bills to the legislature, in reporting of bills to the legislature where they are not with or without amendments a standing committee shall by the majority of the members recommend that the bill be placed on General File or that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Such actions shall be taken at regular scheduled committee meetings only. A report on the bill or a resolution shall be made to the legislature within eight calendar days after a committee has acted upon a particular measure. It has been 21 days Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: You ask...what is your direct question?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: There is a violation of the rules. You are the Speaker.

SPEAKER: I did make this opening statement for Senator Burrows to identify his proposal. He told this body that it was raising a dead bill, after the committee had killed it. He is asking that it be placed on General File and I indicated at that time that it would take 30 votes to do so, and I still maintain that position.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You don't understand my point Mr. Speaker,

SPEAKER: What is your point?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The rules of the Legislature have been violated. A bill that is killed by committee must be reported within eight days. It has been twenty-one days.

SPEAKER: On Rule 3, page 18. Under (F) the Committee on Committees shall have the authority to call before any committee chairman and discuss the work load of said committee, they shall hear and dispose of all written complaints filed by said committee, by any committee chairman. The committee